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Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. Madhusoodhanan.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Rao Bahadur V. N.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
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Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Recruitment to and training of District Educational Officers.

* 331 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the resolution passed at the Provincial Educational Conference held in May last in regard to the recruitment and training of school inspectors and District Educational Officers; and

(*b*) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of recruiting these officers from the ranks of experienced teachers or of giving them any training for their work?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received a copy of the resolutions of the conference.

(*b*) Appointments to the posts of District Educational Officers and Deputy Inspectors of Schools are made both by direct recruitment and by promotion, and experienced teachers are eligible for appointment. There has been no uniform practice of giving special training to direct recruits. In some cases officers appointed direct as District Educational Officers before taking charge of their appointments have been attached for training for a few months to senior Inspectors or District Educational Officers. In the special rules for recruitment to the Madras Educational Service, under revision, provision is being made for training direct recruits, if necessary.

Direct recruits to posts in the combined cadre of school assistants and Deputy Inspectors are selected by the Madras Services Commission. These candidates are usually appointed only as school assistants, the only exception being in regard to Mappilla candidates who have sometimes been posted as Deputy Inspectors in Mappilla ranges. Candidates belonging to other communities are posted as Deputy Inspectors only after they have worked as assistants under headmasters. In many instances the candidates selected by the Commission are persons with previous experience of teaching work.

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know what sort of provision is being made for the training to be given to direct recruits to posts of District Educational Officers?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That is a matter which has not been finally decided."

Revision of the results of the T.S.L.C. Examination, Secondary Grade, 1932.

*332 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the T.S.L.C. Examination, 1932, secondary grade, the failures were heavy in General Principles in certain centres;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations directed the Chief Examiner to revalue the papers and revise the results so as to raise considerably the marks of the examinees in spite of the fact that the performance of the examinees had been reported to be shabby and that no revision was called for;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Examiner then recommended that the marks of the examinees might be raised by 10 in the case of some centres and by 15 in the case of other centres;

(*d*) if so, whether this recommendation was based on the results of actual revaluation of all the answer papers or whether the marks were merely enhanced to raise the average;

(*e*) whether the Chief Examiner had not first approved of the original valuation before he passed the results submitted by the assistant examiners of those centres;

(*f*) whether there was a revaluation of the answer papers of the candidates of the other centres also; and

(*g*) whether the Secretary had obtained the sanction of the Commissioner for Government Examinations or the T.S.L.C. Board before he called upon the Chief Examiner to revalue the papers and revise the results and if not, why not?

A.—The Government do not consider it to be in the public interest to give any of the information asked for.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether it is not advisable to revalue the papers or raise the percentage of passes if the average number of passes is very low?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of the answer given to this question, can it not easily be inferred that some mistakes have been committed in the Department and that therefore the Government say that it is not in the public interests that they should give any information on this point?"